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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 15-MAR-2004

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	69.5-81	71-74	73.24	28

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

73.25

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

73.23

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 20-Mar-04

	Current Week	Previous Week
BRO-FRY	157,909	157,083

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	238.50	1,204
BREASTS - B/S	213.50	5,294
BREASTS - WHOLE	112.50	1,759
THIGH MEAT - B/S	117.50	997
LEG QUARTERS	34.50	7,431
WINGS	127.50	2,882

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next weeks' deliveries into the Chicago area moved 2 cents higher. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers remained mostly steady, instances fully steady to firm. Buyer interest and producer offerings were matched; very light for the most part. Movement into all channels was slow to moderate at best. Floor stocks were in a full range, mostly balanced. Weights were in a desirable range. Parts trade was generally inactive as current commitment satisfied needs. Breast item supplies continued snug while dark meat parts were fully adequate to ample. The market tone was steady to firm on white meat cuts and cautiously steady to weak on leg items.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2004**

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	62.50**	61.43	62.00	EASTERN REGION	60.00**	59.00	59.00
CENTRAL REGION	63.00**	62.80**	61.00**	CENTRAL REGION	61.00**	60.90**	58.50**
WESTERN REGION	63.00**	63.00**	61.50**	WESTERN REGION	61.00**	60.80**	58.50**

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 13-Mar-2004 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS

THOUSANDS

HEAD	157,179
AVG WT	5.06
LAST WEEK	153,459
SAME WK YR AGO	151,337
AVG WT	5.23
TO-DATE/2004	1,536,632
TO-DATE/2003	1,502,010

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS
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THOUSANDS

HEAD	1,646	2,589
AVG WT	15.95	36.37
LAST WEEK	1,729	2,515
SAME WK YR AGO	1,736	2,757
AVG WT	15.88	36.34
TO-DATE/2004	16,843	24,580
TO-DATE/2003	17,189	26,282

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	115.00	115.00
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	150.00 - 153.00	152.70
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	87.50	87.50
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LG	145.00	145.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls,heavy	631.00 647.00	643.73
168 3 Round, top inside round	170.39 178.00	174.19
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	626.00 647.85	641.23
Ground Beef 81%	113.00 127.25	117.24

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